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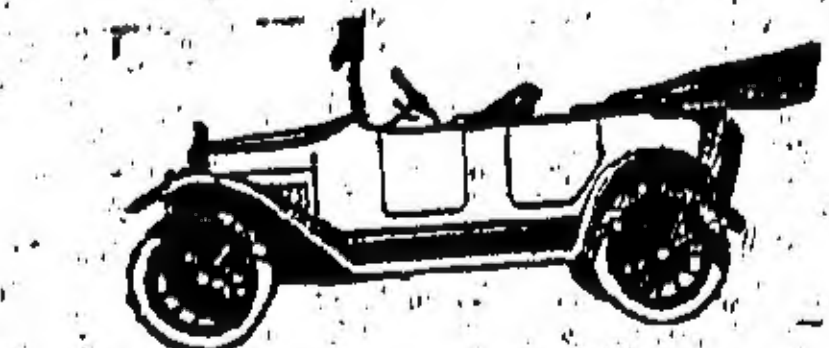
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II—Fire Funds—£2,571,047
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Sinking Fund Account—£23,970,367
Revenue Fire Branch—£2,381,458
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£25,338,228

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THE WAR.
TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE BALKANS FIGHTING.
BULGARS BEING PURSUED.
LONDON, Sept. 22.
A French Eastern communique
states:—
The pursuit of the defeated Bul-
garians continues. Despite the in-
creasing resistance of the enemy's
rearguard, the Serbian forces reached
the Middle Vutshka.
On the left the Allied troops cross-
ed the Cerna in the region of Ceben.
On the left we have captured the
high summits of Porta and Dzema.
The Bulgars are setting on fire
the abandoned villages. One of
their field batteries was captured
intact.
Our airmen are indefatigably bom-
bing and machine-gunning the retreat-
ing columns.

**8,000 PRISONERS AND HUNDREDS
OF GUNS TAKEN.**
Paris, Sept. 22.
The Allies have now captured 8,000
prisoners and hundreds of guns in the
Dulkane.
**THE ADVANCE IN
PALESTINE.**
ENEMY RESISTANCE COLLAPSES.
AVENUES OF ESCAPE CLOSED.
London, Sept. 22.
A Palestine official dispatch says:
The enemy resistance by 8 o'clock
on the evening of the 20th had
collapsed everywhere, except on the
Turkish left in the valley of the
Jordan.
Our left wing, swinging eastward,
had reached the line Bidies-Baka-
Mesudieh junction, astride the rail-
way and roads converging on Naplus
from the west. The right wing,
traversing difficult country against
considerable resistance, reached the
line Khanjibet-Esawieh, facing
north astride the Jerusalem-Naplus
road.
Northward our cavalry traversing
the field of Armageddon, occupied
Nazarets, Adula and Beisan, collect-
ing disorganised masses of the enemy
and transport arriving from the
south.
All avenues of escape except the
fords of the Jordan between Beisan
and Jisred Damir are thus closed
to the enemy.

THE BOOTY.
Eastward of the Jordan, the King
of the Hedjaz's Arabs had effected
humorous demolitions on the railways
radiating from Deraa, destroying
several important bridges, including
one in the Yarmuk Valley.
Accurate figures of the captures are
not yet available, but 8,000 prison-
ers, 100 guns, large quantities of
horse and mechanical transport, four
aeroplanes, many locomotives and
much rolling stock have already been
counted.
The Air Services inflicted very
severe losses on masses of Turks
retreating on difficult roads. A Ger-
man Zeppelin carrying aeroplanes landed
in the midst of our troops, after
the pilot, who at first believed the
plane to be still in Turkish hands,
destroyed his machine and its con-
tents before being taken prisoner.
**1,750,000 AMERICANS AT
THE FRONTS.**
Washington, Sept. 18.
General March announces that the
embarkation of American troops to
all fronts overseas now exceeds
1,750,000.

THE WESTERN FRONT.
BRITISH ATTACKS RENEWED.
POSITIONS IMPROVED.
LONDON, Sept. 22.
1.55 p.m.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig
reports:—
We renewed our attack, at night-
time, eastward of Ephehy, and again
progressed, capturing Little Priel
Farm and other organised points of
resistance, taking a number of prison-
ers.
The enemy, in the afternoon,
again attacked Moeuvres and was
repulsed. We improved our posi-
tions there, capturing prisoners.
English troops carried out a suc-
cessful local operation, on Saturday
night, in the neighbourhood of
Navette and advanced our line on
a two-mile front, capturing prisoners.
We drove off raiders westward of
Acheville.
The enemy, this morning, deliv-
ered a local attack to the north-
west of La Bassée. The fighting
continues.

SUCCESSFUL BRITISH OPERATION.
**STRONG OPPOSITION
ENCOUNTERED.**
**SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS
RECORDED.**
LONDON, Sept. 21.
10.35 p.m.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig
reports:—
In a minor operation this morning
east of Ephehy the English troops
successfully advanced their line,
after heavy fighting.
Strong opposition was encountered
at all points, and later the enemy
launched a number of counter-attacks
in considerable strength. Despite
resistance, we substantially progress-
ed on the whole front of attack.
In conjunction with this attack,
the Abstrubans further progressed in
a completely successful operation in
the Hargicourt sector, taking pri-
soners.

THE FRENCH FRONT.
**"NOTHING IMPORTANT TO
REPORT."**
LONDON, Sept. 22.
A French communique states:—
There is nothing important to
report.
THE AMERICAN FRONT.
UNEVENTFUL DAY.
LONDON, Sept. 22.
An American communique states:—
Apart from patrol encounters, there
was increased aviation activity at
Woivre. The day was uneventful.
MORE AIR-RAIDS INTO GERMANY.
**MANNHEIM AND KARLSRUHE
BOMBED.**
LONDON, Sept. 21.
The Air Ministry reports:—
Last night we dropped 37 tons of
bombs and successfully attacked the
Lanz works, the Mannheim wharves,
the factories west of Karlsruhe, blast
furnaces at Birtach, and aerodromes
at Bonlay, Freytag and Morhang.
A large fire broke out at Karlsruhe
and good bursts were observed at
Mannheim.
We directly hit hangars at Frey-
tag and Morhang and shot down a
Zeppelin machine. One British
machine has not returned.

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INTIMATIONS

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

MEMBERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Club House, on MONDAY, September 24th, 1918, at 5.30 P.M.

Business:
Report and Accounts for 1917-1918.
Election of Officers for 1918-1919.
General.

L. J. BLACKBURN,
Hon. Secretary.

Kowloon, Sept. 20, 1918. 770

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

MEMBERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the OPENING of the NEW GRASSFIELD will take place on SATURDAY, Sept. 28th, at 3.30 P.M. Members, Friends and Members of other Sporting Clubs are cordially invited to attend. There will be Cricket, Bowls and Tennis matches.

L. J. BLACKBURN,
Hon. Secretary.

Kowloon, Sept. 20, 1918. 771

THE HONGKONG HOTEL
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Provisions of the new Articles of Association of the Company, the Board of Directors have this day declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND for the First Half Year ended 30th June, 1918, of THREE DOLLARS (3s.) per Share.

Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office on and after the 23rd September, 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 23rd instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.

HONGKONG, Sept. 12, 1918. 743

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., 2, Lower Albert Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 1st day of October, 1918, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

The business to be transacted at the meeting is the submission for confirmation of a Special Resolution.

"That the new Articles already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification thereof subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby approved, and that such Articles be and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof."

A copy of the new Articles referred to may be inspected by any Shareholder of the said Company at the Company's Office in Hongkong, or at the Office of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, (the Company's Solicitors) at Prince's Building, Victoria, aforesaid, on any weekday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Dated this 13th day of Sept., 1918.
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of October, 1918, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 25th September to 2nd October, 1918, both days inclusive.

By Order,
M. MANUK,
Secretary.

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THE WAR.

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SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS

FINE ADVANCE ON
BALKAN FRONT.

BULGARIANS EVACUATE A 10-MILE FRONT.

FIRST BULGAR ARMY COMPLETELY DEFEATED.

LONDON, Sept. 22.

The latest news is that the Bulgarians have evacuated their positions on a seventy-mile front from Monastir to the Vardar.

The Serbians have taken 5,000 prisoners and captured 60 guns, including the majority of the enemy's heavy guns.

Heavy fire, possibly prelude to a new offensive, has been started on the left wing in the Italian-French sector.

The Serbs have now advanced thirty miles.

The cavalry to the left of Poloshka is advancing in the direction of the Vardar Valley.

The Bulgarians are retreating in disorder towards the Cerna near the Middle Vardar.

The First Bulgar Army of fifty battalions has been completely defeated.

LATER.

Reuter learns that on the Salonika Front the Serbians are pushing across the Cerna and continuing the March on Priboj, the Bulgarian advance base. They have further progressed on the right, capturing Orzechko and are advancing on Konopishko.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

LONDON, Sept. 21.

A French Eastern communique states:

Despite heavy resistance the offensive against the Cerna and the Vardar has progressed.

On September 19th, the Allied cavalry reached the region of Poloshka and the Serbians reached the left bank of the Cerna in the region of Dunje and progressed towards Konopishko, across the very difficult ground separating Belashitzka from Beshava.

The French and Greeks carried the villages Tushine and Monte at the foot of Derna. They captured a total of 60 guns.

The British and Greek offensive in the region of Derna is progressing despite very violent counter-attacks.

AN ADVANCE OF 15 KILOMETRES IN ONE DAY.

LONDON, Sept. 21.

A Serbian official report, issued yesterday, states:

"Our advance north in one day was more than 15 kilometres."

Our infantry passed the line Krivevo-Stragovo-Dragevo-Poloshka. Our cavalry are north of this line.

More than ten villages were liberated in one day.

At the head of the Cerna river we have taken the village Goliya.

Our aviators are unceasingly bombing the retreating enemy, and we have taken great numbers of prisoners.

Soldiers of New Serbia who had been forced to enlist in the Bulgarian Army are discarding their arms and transferring to our side.

ENEMY EVACUATES CERNA RIVER.

OVER 5,000 PRISONERS TAKEN.

LONDON, Sept. 20.

A Serbian communique states:

"Our advance continues."

We passed the line Blatet-Tchemske-Belashitzka.

The enemy has evacuated the Cerna river. We are crossing to the left bank.

The Bulgarians are burning stores.

Our prisoners exceed 5,000 and an additional ten guns were captured, mostly heavy guns, also quantities of material.

Several villages have been captured.

SUCCESSFUL BRITISH ATTACK IN PALESTINE.

THREE THOUSAND PRISONERS.

INTERCEPTING THE TURKISH RETREAT.

LONDON, Sept. 20.

Reuter learns that General Allenby on the 19th attacked on a front of sixteen miles between Rafat and the sea and broke through the Turkish lines, and entered Tulkarm by the afternoon, a depth of twelve miles.

The cavalry passed on, advancing in the rear of the whole Turkish Army.

Eastwards, towards Rafat, other cavalry advanced north-eastwards.



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towards El Mula and Beisaa in order to intercept the Turks retreating northwards.

Three thousand prisoners have been taken.

General Allenby reports that the right wing on the 19th attacked westwards of the Jordan and occupied El Mugheir, being an advance of from three to four miles.

El Mugheir is the junction of several roads from the east and west of the Jordan. Its capture was effected in order to prevent the Turks on the west escaping eastwards.

There are 18,000 Turks on the west and 6,000 on the east. General Allenby is now in the rear of the enemy, will find great difficulty in extricating himself, especially as the Arabs have cut the Hedjaz railway eastwards of Lake Tiberias.

The King of the Hedjaz has indicated a severe defeat on the Turks at Tulkarm south-eastwards of the Dead Sea.

THE OFFICIAL REPORT.

LATER.

The official report states:

During the night of the 18th we commenced a general attack between the Jordan and the Sea. British and Indian troops eastward of the Jerusalem-Nablus road advanced successfully and intercepted the Turkish road communications leading to the south-east from Nablus.

The main attack, in which the French participated, was launched on the morning of the 19th after a short bombardment between Rafat and the coast. The infantry rapidly progressed, over-running the entire defensive system on this frontage.

By eight o'clock in the morning we had penetrated a maximum depth of five miles before swinging eastwards.

The latest reports indicate that the Tulkarm rail junction was occupied this afternoon, whilst a brigade of Australian Light Horse reached the main Tulkarm-Messudieh railway and road in the vicinity of Anetia, cutting off large bodies of the retreating enemy with guns and transports.

In the meantime a strong British Indian and Australian cavalry force, moving northwards in the coastal plain seized at mid-day the road junction of Hudeira, nineteen miles from the point of departure. Eastward of the Jordan a strong detachment of Hedjaz Arabs severed the railway communication leading northward, southward and westward from Derna. Naval units co-operated in our advance by closing coastal roads with gun-fires. The operations continue.

Over 3,000 prisoners had been captured by eight o'clock at night. Many have not been counted. Large quantities of material have been taken.

LONDON PRESS' OPINION ON THE
ACHIEVEMENT.

LONDON, Sept. 21.

General Allenby's achievement is a "real break through" and is acclaimed by the papers as possibly the decisive stroke of the war in Asia Minor.

The way to Aleppo may now be cleared and the hopes of the Turks cut off by General Allenby are the flower of the Turkish forces. It is pointed out that the two strokes in the East—this and the Balkans offensive—have been admirably timed, as the Germans are unable to give the Turks or Bulgars the least assistance; but the papers emphasize that these operations are merely supplementary to the struggle in the West, where alone the war can be ended.

Experts declare that the front between Arras and La Fere, largely held by the British, is strategically the most important part of the Western Front, and the battle on Wednesday, though fought only upon the outskirts of the Hindenburg Line, was a great victory in which the British troops conclusively proved their personal ascendancy over the Germans.

THE FOURTH FRENCH LOAN.

PARIS, Sept. 20.

M. Klotz, the French Finance Minister, is floating the Fourth French War Loan at a most propitious moment. Though not ended the war has been won. Victory is now in sight. There is abundance of money in the market at present.

The French Government has decided to accept cash to the extent of half the amount of any individual subscription.—Havas.

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TELEGRAMS.

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THE WESTERN FRONT.

BRITISH AERIAL EXPLOITS.

22 MACHINES BROUGHT DOWN.

London, Sept. 21.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, says:—
Despite low clouds and frequent showers, our aeroplanes carried out useful work on the 20th. We destroyed 16 hostile machines and drove down three out of control. Eleven of our machines are missing.
We shot down at night a German two-engine bomber. Anti-aircraft guns brought down two additional hostile machines during the last three days.
A total of 26 tons of bombs were dropped on Friday.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

BRITISH BRING DOWN 13 MACHINES.

London, Sept. 22.
A British communiqué from the Italian Front states:—
Thirteen enemy aircraft were destroyed. Otherwise there is nothing noteworthy to report.

AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES IN RUSSIA.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR REPATRIATION.

London, Sept. 22.
Reuter learns that arrangements are progressing for the mutual repatriation of the British and Russian representatives.

BRITISH AND FRENCH CONSULS.

THE QUESTION OF THEIR DEPARTURE.

Amsterdam, Sept. 22.
A message from Moscow says that M. Tchitcherine (the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs) has notified the neutral Consulate-General that the Russian Government is still ready to permit the British and French diplomats and Consuls to leave Russia via Finland the moment he has received a telegram from M. Litvinoff saying that he and his companions have embarked at a British port, and the Norwegian Consul has confirmed M. Litvinoff's departure from England.
The note adds that the internment of British and French men of the ages of 18 and 48 will cease, if Great Britain and France drop reprisals against supporters of the Soviet.

BOLSHEVIK TERRORISM.

AMERICA COMMUNICATES WITH THE POWERS.

Washington, Sept. 18.
The Government has directed the Ambassador and Ministers in neutral and also Allied countries to ascertain whether the Governments would join in some immediate action to impress the Bolsheviks with the aversion with which the civilized world regards their wanton terrorism. According to information received, thousands of peaceable Russians at Petrograd, Moscow and elsewhere are being shot without being tried. The prisons are filled to overflowing.

THE NEW GERMAN NAVAL SECRETARY.

Amsterdam, Sept. 22.
The Berlin newspaper 'Germania' says that Vice-Admiral Behncke, who has been appointed to succeed Admiral von Capelle as Secretary to the German Admiralty, is not a passionate advocate of submarine warfare.
The 'Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant' believes that Admiral von Capelle's retirement is connected with the German-Spanish difficulties.
Vice-Admiral Behncke's appointment will considerably strengthen the position of neutrals as regards submarine warfare.

AMMUNITION FACTORY EXPLOSION IN VIENNA.

382 LIVES LOST.

Amsterdam, Sept. 22.
A message from Vienna says that 382 were killed and many badly injured in an explosion at the Woellner ammunition factory in Vienna.

BRITISH MONITOR SUNK.

INTERNAL EXPLOSION CAUSES SERIOUS LOSS OF LIFE.

London, Sept. 21.
The Admiralty reports:—
A British monitor was sunk in a harbour on the 16th as a result of an internal explosion.
One officer and 10 men were killed by the explosion and 57 men are missing, and presumed to have been killed.

THE LANCASHIRE COTTON STRIKE.

ISSUE SUBMITTED TO DISTRICTS.

London, Sept. 19.
A great majority of the delegates at the meetings at Manchester, called on the 17th, were in favour of a speedy resumption of work, but the proceedings were adjourned until the 20th, in accordance with the wishes of a minority in order to allow the issue to be submitted to the districts.

FOOD SCARCITY IN GERMANY.

SHOPS PILLOADED AND TROOPS CALLED OUT.

Amsterdam, Sept. 22.
The 'Weekend' says a one day strike broke out at Salzburg as a protest against the failure of the authorities to distribute meat, fat and potatoes. The mob tried to force their way into the Government buildings, but finally the Governor received a deputation. Meanwhile, food shops were pillaged, and troops had to be called out to restore order.

THE INDIAN REFORM SCHEME.

THE ROWLATT COMMITTEE REPORT.

London, Sept. 13.
The Press Bureau states:—
Enquiries have been made at the India Office why copies of the report of the Rowlatt Committee are not available in England. The explanation is that a simultaneous publication in India and England would have delayed the appearance of the report in India, which it was desired to avoid. The Raj is sending sufficient copies home to meet the requirements of Parliament and the public.

THE SILVER MARKET.

FAIR TRADE DEMAND.

London, Sept. 18.
The Silver Market is steady. There is a fair trade demand.

THE WEEKLY REPORT.

London, Sept. 19.
Messrs. Samuel, Montagu & Co., in their Weekly Report, state:—
There is no change in the position of the market. The trade demand is fairly active.
Shanghai exchange is still nominally quoted at 5s. 6d. per tael, but business has been affected at considerably higher rates.

FORFEITED PENSIONS.

MAGISTRATE CONDEMNNS "AN OUTRAGEOUS LAW."

Sentence of hard labour deprives an ex-soldier of his pension, and Mr. Mead commented strongly on this in dealing with a shop assistant who was before him at Marlborough-street for stealing goods worth £2 8s. 6d. The man had been discharged from the Army, unfit, with a pension of 22s. weekly after nearly three years' service.
Mr. Mead said he disagreed with what had been laid down in the High Court, that what a man suffered when fighting for his country should not be taken into consideration in punishing for any offence he might have committed. He considered it a harsh law that a man under any circumstances should lose his pension, for it was granted for past services.
"I think it is a most outrageous law," the magistrate added. In the circumstances he inflicted on the accused a month's imprisonment in the second division.

LIMIT IN SMALL WRITING.

During the hearing of a perjury charge against the Indian barrister, Dr. Mir Anwaruddin, at the Central Criminal Court, a handwriting expert produced enlarged photographs of signatures. Defendant's counsel, objected to these, saying that the prosecution should not endeavour to assist their case by mechanical means.
In deciding against counsel, Mr. Justice Coleridge remarked: "I have heard of a man who wrote the Lord's Prayer and the Hundredth Psalm in the circumference of a pea, which is humanly impossible. I doubt if a magnifying glass

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT BATTLE.

SCOTCH TROOPS CLEAN UP MOEUVRES.

London, Sept. 20.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
The Scots completed the capture of Moenvres this morning overcoming the resistance of a party of the enemy who were still holding out in the village.
The enemy delivered a strong local attack north-westward of Hulluch, this morning, after a heavy bombardment. We completely repulsed the attack, taking a number of prisoners.
English troops carried out a successful minor operation, this morning, north-westward of La Bassée and advanced the line on a frontage of two-and-a-half miles as far as the village of Rude-Maris and La Tourelle, and took over 100 prisoners. They beat off a counter-attack after sharp fighting.
Clouds and strong wind interfered with air-work on the 19th. We dropped 51 tons of bombs on various targets; brought down two machines and drove down two. No British machines are missing. Night flying was impossible.

A GALLANT SCOTTISH PARTY.

London, Sept. 21.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
On the occasion of the hostile attack on Moenvres on Sept. 17, a Corporal and six men of the 15th Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry, 53rd Division, forming the garrison of one of our posts just north of the village were surrounded and believed to have been captured. During the two days in which the Germans were in occupation of Moenvres, this party maintained their position with great gallantry and inflicted many casualties on the enemy. On the night of 19th-20th instant when Moenvres was retaken by us, the whole party regained their unit without loss. Yesterday afternoon fresh attacks on our posts northwards of Moenvres were repulsed.
In the evening the enemy heavily bombarded our positions in the neighbourhood of Gauche Wood and succeeded in pressing back slightly one of our advanced posts northward of the wood. All night the enemy made repeated and determined attempts with flamethrowers and bombs to drive in our positions in this locality. All these attacks were repulsed after hard fighting.
During the night our line was advanced slightly north-westward of Bell Eglise. This morning fighting recommenced in the sector eastward of Epehy. We improved our positions slightly last night westward of Messines, capturing a German strong point. We progressed south-eastward of Ypres.

ROKKE'S DRIFT RECALLED.

London, Sept. 22.
Reuter's Correspondent's morning despatch from British Headquarters features the heroic two days stand at Moenvres of a Corporal and six men of the Highland Light Infantry, mentioned by Sir Douglas Haig. The incident is comparable with the fight at Rokke's Drift. The gallant Scot was rather weak and blue-eyed when rescued, but was able lustily to respond to the tumultuous cheering of their comrades. A regular cordon of corpses surrounded the post told how fiercely they were assailed. They were practically shelterless and, needless to say, were exposed to the enemy's vigilance was necessary to prevent the Germans attaining bombing distance. Although they knew they were fighting in the midst of the foe they did not despair. Their only concern was whether their ammunition would hold out. In any event, they had determined not to surrender, but when it became impossible to hold the post they meant to make a sortie to try and reach the British outposts.

FURTHER ADVANCE BY FRENCH.

London, Sept. 21.
A French communiqué reports:—
We advanced eastwards of Esenzy-le-Grand, also on the Moisy Farm plateau. We captured prisoners. There was lively artillery activity in the region of St. Quentin.
We repulsed an enemy counter-attack against Castles.
The artillery, on both sides, was active in the region of the plateau northward of the Aisne.
In Lorraine two German attempts against posts toward Arracourt and Aucervillers were without result.

GERMAN REPORT.

London, Sept. 21.
A wireless German official message says:—
Southward of the Somme we withdrew our advanced troops, thus evacuating Esenzy-le-Grand.
The enemy gained a footing in the high ridges westward of Jouy.

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THE PALESTINE OFFENSIVE.

TURKS COMPLETELY SURPRISED.

London, Sept. 21.
Reuter's Correspondent with the Palestine Army, telegraphing on Sept. 20, says:—
General Allenby's smashing blow has completely surprised the Turks.
The operations were started at night-time by a local attack by Welsh and Indian troops, who advanced some distance on the night of the 18th, capturing 400 prisoners. The real attack was delivered before dawn after a brief, but intense, bombardment. General Allenby directed the blow at the enemy's formidable right flank, which was quite overwhelmed. Our men penetrated the wire and captured the first trenches before the Turks had time to lay down a barrage opposite the remaining works, some of which were most powerful but were overcome, thanks to the gallantry and dash of British and Indian troops.

A MIXED LOT OF PRISONERS.

The prisoners were a mixed lot. Those belonging to picked units seem to be in good condition and well clad, whilst others are dressed mostly in rags and are of all ages. A few Germans were also captured, but the main body of Germans took up their position towards the Turkish centre, outside the scope of the offensive. French troops participated on the extreme wing.

THE PEACE OFFENSIVE.

MUST BE OUT SHORT.

Paris, Sept. 21.
The 'Matin's' Washington Correspondent says that President Wilson in addressing Allied Diplomats and American politicians, lengthily explained his peace views. The President said:—
It was essential to cut short this new attempt at pacifist propaganda. We must have absolute victory and no compromises are admissible. Even if Austria is prepared immediately to accept the fourteen peace points I formulated, the fact remains that as we cannot trust our enemies' word we must have something beyond a verbal promise. It must be made impossible for them to break it.

FOOD SUPPLIES TO HOLLAND STOPPED.

The Hague, Sept. 21.
It is reported that the export of all foodstuffs and everything connected with the Dutch food supply has been stopped.

AUSTRIA AND HOLLAND.

TRADING NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING.

Amsterdam, Sept. 21.
A Vienna message to the Dutch Press states that negotiations are proceeding favourably between Holland and Austria, whereby the latter will supply 5,000 tons of petroleum and large quantities of sugar and Holland will give trade credit in guilders.

RECRUITING IN IRELAND.

PERIOD EXTENDED.

London, Sept. 21.
It is officially announced that the recruiting period in Ireland has been extended from October 1st to October 15th. Should recruiting fail and conscription become necessary, the preliminary steps to enforce conscription can only be taken when Parliament is sitting. Therefore they cannot be taken before October 15th.

THE SIBERIAN CAMPAIGN.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION BY NAVAL UNITS.

London, Sept. 21.
A British official message from North Russia states:—
A successful operation by Naval units and Allied troops from Sept. 1 to 17 was carried out on the Dwina River, resulting in the sinking of two enemy ships and the capture of three guns, and infliction of heavy losses.

FRENCH TRANSPORT SUNK.

SIX PEOPLE DROWNED.

Paris, Sept. 21.
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THE MAGISTRACY.

A SERIOUS CHEQUE FRAUD.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J.R. Wood this morning with defrauding his masters, the Tai Fung Cheung shop, in Des Vaux Road.
Inspector Watt, outlining the facts of the case, said defendant was an assistant in the Tai Fung Cheung shop. Part of his duty was to go to the Post Office to take the registered letters. The case against him was that he went to the Post Office and took delivery of four registered letters and stole them. He opened them and extracted the cheques from three of these letters. It was part of his duty in the ordinary course of events to go to the bank and cash cheques received. He stole the cheques, in question, endorsed them, with his signature and with the shop's chop and uttered these cheques, well-knowing them to belong to the firm. Three banks were concerned and the cheques were cashed on three different dates. One cheque was on the Bank of Canton and another on the Chinese Mercantile Bank.
The Magistrate: Did he endorse the cheques in the bank or take them there endorsed?
Inspector Watt: He may have done either. These letters were sent from Mexico and California. One cheque was for \$53, the second for \$120, and the third for \$100.
The Magistrate: What about the fourth registered letter?
Inspector Watt: The defendant expected to find a cheque in the fourth letter and not finding it, he kept it. These letters were found in his box. The firm people found he was living too well and afterwards discovered the letters in his box. Ten separate charges are framed against the defendant.
These were then explained to the defendant. It was alleged that on the 28th August he stole from one of the registered letters a cheque for \$100 for Yon Fook, endorsed it with the name of Yon Fook without any authority and presented and cashed it at the bank on the 27th. On the 7th instant he extracted a draft for \$120 made in the name of the firm and endorsed it with the firm's chop and his own name and drew the money. On the same date he cashed another draft for \$53. The case was remanded till Wednesday afternoon.

THE MACDONNELL ROAD ASSAULT CASE.

A Chinese was charged, on remand, this afternoon before Mr. Wood with assaulting an amah in 16, Macdonnell Road, with the intent to rob her.
The evidence for the prosecution was that at noon on the 13th instant the defendant, with several others went to the house and asked for admittance. The amah, before opening the door, enquired who was knocking. The defendant replied that he was a postman and had come to deliver letters. As soon as the door was opened defendant rushed and seized the amah by the throat.
The amah, examined, said that there were three men. One of them waited outside while the defendant with another accomplice got in. She was knocked down by the defendant but she continued to cry out "save life." When defendant saw other coming he ran away. Defendant was pursued by a Portuguese and he was finally arrested.
Sergeant Pitt said that at the Central Police Station, where the defendant was brought up, he saw defendant patting his hand into his pocket. He went up to him and found a packet of pepper and a piece of tape in his possession. He examined the amah's neck and found several distinct and recent scratches on the throat.
His Worship committed defendant for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

WOMEN ROBBED IN THE STREET.

A Chinese was charged with snatching gold neck chains from two women.
Sergeant Murphy, in presenting, said the complainants were not present. In relating the facts of the case, he said that on the 27th ultimo the defendant snatched from the first woman a gold neck chain, in the street. On the 19th instant another woman was robbed of a gold neck chain in the same street. On the 20th instant defendant was arrested on board a Canton steamer and brought to the Police station. In consequence of a statement made by him he was taken to a house in Tung Wah Lane where another man was found with the articles, which the defendant gave him to dispose of. In his statement the defendant admitted the theft. At an inspection parade held at the Yauwatti Police station none of the complainants could identify the defendant.
The case was remanded.

A FACTION FIGHT.

Six Chinese were charged in Mr. Wood's Court in connection with an assault made between a party of the Northern faction and a party of the Yauwatti faction.
Sergeant Murphy said it could not be proved what part the defendants took in the fight. He brought the charge because he was told to do so by Mr. King (A.S.P.) as these faction fights were becoming common.
The case was remanded.

A DRUNKEN INDIAN.

Before Mr. J.R. Wood this morning an Indian was charged with being drunk and disorderly and was fined \$10.

THE CARD PARTY



Mrs. S.—I have struck upon a brilliant idea. The men, I hear, are playing golf and tennis for War Bond tickets. Why has quite a few chances already, so instead of the usual silver trinkets I have decided at all my card parties, until the end of the year, to give War Bond tickets as prizes. Wouldn't it be lovely if one of my guests won the \$25,000—and at this rate of exchange too!

Mrs. G.—Capital! I think we might all do the same and we'd not have that nasty feeling of just wasting our money on trash, for half of every five dollars spent on War Bond tickets goes to help the wounded.

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